

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on January 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mary Moe (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 113, 1/18/2017; SB 124, 1/18/2017
Executive Action: SB 103, Do Pass; SB 115, Do Pass; SB 114, Vote Tied, remains in committee.

00:00:10 Chair Salomon
00:00:15 Sen. Jones left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 113

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:59 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 113, Allow Indian language immersion program funds to be used as matching funds.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:50 Sen. Tempel
00:04:08 Rep. Greef
00:05:12 Chair Salomon
00:05:30 Rep. Greef

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:57 Rep. Greef

HEARING ON SB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:54 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 124, Extend school district bond term.

[EXHIBIT\(eds16a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:34 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

[EXHIBIT\(eds16a02\)](#)

00:13:27 Ron Whitmoyer, superintendent, East Helena Schools (EHPS)
00:16:53 Kris Kuehn, superintendent, Malta Public Schools
00:18:31 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers
00:19:04 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:00 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
EXHIBIT(eds16a03)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:51 Sen. Regier
00:25:43 Mr. Vogel, MTSBA
00:26:26 Sen. Facey
00:27:41 Mr. Whitmoyer, EHPS
00:28:05 Sen. Facey
00:28:12 Chair Salomon
00:31:10 Mr. Vogel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:32 Sen. McClafferty
00:31:50 Chair Salomon
00:31:59 Brief Recess
00:36:11 Reconvened
00:36:21 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 103

00:36:30 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 103 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:36:41 Sen. Facey
00:37:27 Sen. Moe
00:39:05 Chair Salomon
00:40:13 Sen. Moe
00:40:25 Chair Salomon

00:40:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 114

00:41:05 **Motion:** Sen. Moe moved that **SB 114 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:41:18 Sen. Moe
00:45:12 Chair Salomon

00:46:14 Sen. Tempel
00:46:42 Sen. Facey
00:48:01 Sen. Blasdel

00:49:20 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. Moe and Sen. Tempel voting aye. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

00:50:17 Sen. Moe
00:51:06 Sen. Facey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 115

00:51:32 **Motion:** Sen. Moe moved that **SB 115 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:51:45 Sen. Facey
00:53:25 Sen. Regier

00:54:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. K. Regier and Sen. Tempel voting no. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

00:54:55 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:08 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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